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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing device, comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting user registration data necessary to secure a user's exclusive storage area by user registration in a server connected in a network for content distribution, to said server over a network;

receiving means for receiving address data defined, in part, by the user registration data, the address designated as an access point indicating said exclusive storage area over said network and for receiving one or more automatic upload programs; ~~wherein~~ each of said automatic upload programs ~~[[is]]~~ being programmed to connect to a unique part of said exclusive storage area and to provide an interface for editing condition data to manage distribution of an associated content file;

connection means for allowing each of said automatic upload programs to perform connection processing automatically to said access point in the said server via actuation of a corresponding upload icon; and

transfer means for writing ~~a data~~ the content file to be distributed to the exclusive storage area automatically when connection processing is performed and for transferring ~~[[a]]~~ the associated control file ~~used for controlling access by another user to~~ distribution of the transferred data content file from the server, the control file including the condition data set up through the interface and user information data related to the user registration.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The information processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said connection means is to perform connection processing to said access point in said server in response to a click operation on an exclusive icon which is displayed on a given display unit for driving said automatic upload program.

Claim 5 (Original): The information processing device according to Claim 1, wherein

said address data is a uniform resource locator (URL) for designating resources on said network.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A server connection method, comprising:

transmitting user registration data necessary to secure a user's exclusive storage area by user registration in a server connected in a network for content distribution, to said server over the network;

receiving address data defined, in part, by the user registration data, the address designated as an access point indicating said exclusive storage area from said server over said network;

receiving an automatic upload program;

performing connection processing automatically to said access point in the said server via actuation of a corresponding upload icon of the automatic upload program based on said address data received by said receiving means;

providing an interface for editing condition data to manage distribution of an associated content file;

writing a data file to the exclusive storage area automatically when connection processing is performed to be distributed; and

transferring ~~[[a]]~~ the associated control file ~~used for controlling access by another user~~ to distribution of the transferred data file from the server, the control file including the condition data and user information data related to the user registration data related to the user registration.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The server connection method according to Claim 6, wherein

said connection step is to perform connection processing to said access point in said server responding to a click operation on an exclusive icon which is displayed on a given display unit for driving said automatic upload program.

Claim 10 (Original): The server connection method according to Claim 6, wherein said address data is a uniform resource locator (URL) for designating resources over said network.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium adapted to store program steps for a computer program instructions which cause a computer to implement a method of information processing device, the program steps method comprising:

transmitting user registration data necessary to secure a user's exclusive storage area by user registration in a server connected in a network for content distribution, to said server over the network;

receiving address data defined, in part, by the user registration data, the address designated as an access point indicating said exclusive storage area from said server over said network and of receiving one or more automatic upload programs, wherein each of said automatic upload programs [[is]] being programmed to connect to a unique part of said exclusive storage area and to provide an interface for editing condition data to manage distribution of an associated content file;

allowing each of said automatic upload programs to perform connection processing automatically via actuation of a corresponding upload icon to said access point in the said server;

writing a data file to the exclusive storage area automatically when connection processing is performed; and

transferring a control file used for controlling access by another user to the transferred data file, the associated control file controlling distribution of the transferred content file from the server, the control file including the condition data set up through the interface and user information data related to the user registration.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The server connection method according to Claim [[12]] 11, wherein

said connection step is to perform connection processing to said access point in said server responding to a click operation on an exclusive icon which is displayed on a given display unit for driving said automatic upload program.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The program storage medium according to Claim [[12]] 11, wherein

said address data is a uniform resource locator (URL) for designating resources on said network.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A network system consisting of a server and an information processing device to connect to said server over a network, comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting user registration data necessary to secure a user's exclusive storage area by user registration in said server, to said server over said network;

receiving means for receiving address data defined, in part, by the user registration data, the address designated as an access point indicating said exclusive storage area from said server over said network and for receiving one or more automatic upload programs, wherein each of said automatic upload programs [[is]] being programmed to connect to a unique part of said exclusive storage area and to provide an interface for editing condition data to manage distribution of an associated content file;

connection means for allowing each of said automatic upload programs to perform connection processing automatically via actuation of a corresponding upload icon to said access point in the said server; and

transfer means for writing ~~a data~~ the content file to be distributed to the exclusive storage area automatically when connection processing is performed and for transferring [[a]]

the associated control file used for controlling access by another user to distribution of the transferred data content file from the server, the control file including the condition data set up through the interface and user information data related to the user registration.

Claims 17-18 (Canceled);.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The network system according to Claim 16,
wherein

said connection means is to perform connection processing to said access point in said server responding to a click operation on an exclusive icon which is displayed on a given display unit for driving said automatic upload program.

Claim 20 (Original): The network system according to Claim 16, wherein
said address data is a uniform resource locator (URL) for designating resources on said network.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The network system according to Claim 16,
wherein the data file is a movie file and the control file comprises at least one of a time and date for scheduling access to the media file.